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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2008, favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following:

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